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In re Application of:)
PRAUSNITZ, et al.)
Serial No. 09/453,109)
Filed: December 2, 1999)
For: Microneedle Device)
For Extraction And)
Sensing of Bodily Fluids)

Art Unit: 3736

Examiner: M. Kremer

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a)(3), applicants respectfully request approval for changes to the drawings indicated in red on the attached photocopies of Figures 4, 5A, 7D, 9D, 9E, and 10D. The changes are being made to correct obvious labeling errors in these figures. This Request is being submitted with an Amendment and Response to Office Action.

Figure 4 has been amended to identify reservoir 216, which is described in the specification at page 9, lines 3 and 14-20 as reservoir 16 and which was inadvertently omitted in the informal drawing originally filed with the application.

Figure 5A has been amended to show and identify photoresist layer 84, which is described in the specification at page 20, lines 7-8, and which was inadvertently omitted in the informal drawings originally filed with the application.

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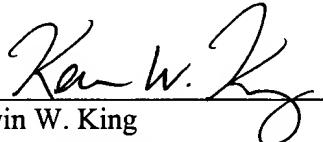
Figure 7D has been amended to remove numeral/arrow 124, since, as described in the specification at page 25, lines 7-13, array 124 of needle forms 126 is not present in Fig. 7D. The inclusion of numeral/arrow 124 in the informal drawings was an obvious error.

Figures 9D and 9E have been amended to include numeral 145 to label the NiFe layer described at page 36, lines 25-27 and labeled as the "electroplated structure" in the informal drawings.

Figure 10D has been amended to show the NiFe layer described at page 37, lines 25-28 and labeled as the "released structure" in the informal drawings. Figure 10D also has been amended to include numeral 55 to label this NiFe layer.

No new matter has been introduced by these drawing changes. Prompt and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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